

SENATE BILL 763

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By: **Senator Kittleman**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting Licenses – Exemption for Disabled Armed Forces Members**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding a certain exemption from the requirement to obtain a
4 hunting license for a person who serves in the armed forces and has a
5 service-connected disability; and generally relating to exemptions from the
6 requirement to obtain a hunting license.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 10–301(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Natural Resources
14 Section 10–301(c)(1)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 10–301.

21 (b) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife,
22 and preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or
23 attempt to hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and
24 mammals in the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident
25 hunter's license. A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 mammals in Baltimore County or Frederick County without first obtaining a license.
2 A permanent resident of a government reservation may obtain a resident hunter's
3 license.

4 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
5 following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license, bow and arrow stamp,
6 black powder stamp, or bonus antlered deer stamp:

7 (i) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

8 1. The resident owner of the farmland and the owner's
9 spouse, child, and child's spouse;

10 2. A tenant and the tenant's spouse, child, and child's
11 spouse. A tenant is a person holding land under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides
12 in a dwelling on the land, but a tenant does not include any employee of the owner or
13 tenant; and

14 3. A nonresident owner of a parcel of farmland and the
15 owner's spouse, child, and child's spouse if:

16 A. The parcel of farmland is located in Maryland and an
17 adjacent state;

18 B. The owner's primary residence is on the parcel of
19 farmland; and

20 C. The adjacent state extends similar privileges to a
21 resident of Maryland;

22 (ii) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United
23 States while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting,
24 the resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order;

25 (iii) [With respect to hunting on private property, any] **ANY**
26 person serving in the armed forces of the United States who has a service-connected
27 disability, if, while hunting, the person possesses valid military identification; and

28 (iv) Any unarmed person participating in an organized foxhunt.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2011.